



*Die Luna 14 April. 1645.*



Whereas there are many & great abuses committed daily by the importing into, and exporting out of this Kingdom divers prohibited Goods and merchandize, contrary to the lawes; and also for that there are divers Practises of late used by Merchants, and others, to deceive his Majesty and the Parliament of such Customes and Duties as are due and payable for such Goods as are Imported and Exported as aforesaid. For prevention whereof for the future, It is Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That Samuel Aveye, Richard Bateman, Charles Lloyd, Christopher Pack and Walter

Booth-

Booth-

Boothby Merchants, who are by an Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament of the 21 of February last appointed and constituted Commissioners and Collectors to receive all such sums of Money, which should at any time hereafter, from the 25 of February then present inclusive be paid for Customes, or advanced by way of Loan or otherwise, for or in respect of Goods and Merchandizes Exported out of or Imported into the port of London, and all other ports in the Realme of England, Dominion of Wales, and the towne of Berwick, in such manner as the duties of Tonnage and Poundage, have beene formerly received by the late Commissioners of the Customes; as also all deputy Collectors, Surveyors, Searchers, Weights, and all other Officers which are, or shall be deputed and appointed by the  
said

by  
of  
ry  
n-  
e=  
ch  
m  
t=  
d=  
d  
y  
,  
e  
,  
i  
:  
said Commissioners under their  
hands and seales, as their Depu-  
ties, Factors, or Servants, for the  
managing of the Affairs of the Cu-  
stomes, and receipt of the said Mo-  
nies payed and advanced as afore-  
said in the severall Ports aforesaid,  
and their Members shall have full  
power and Authority to goe on  
board, and enter into any Ship,  
Hoy, Barque, Bottome, Boate, or  
other vessell whatsoever, as well by  
night as by day ryding, lying or be-  
ing within any the severall ports,  
Havens, Creekes, or other Places:  
Als also in the day-time to goe, and  
enter into all; or any Cellars,  
Vaults, shops, warehouses, or o-  
ther places within the said King-  
dome of England, Dominion of  
Wales and Towne of Berwick, to  
see, surbey and make search for  
any such prohibited Goods or  
Merchandizes as aforesaid; And

likewise any Goods or Merchandise either put on Board any Ship or Vessel, or taken out, or carried away, or intended to be carried away (the Customes and other Duties for the same, having not been fully satisfied and paid) And the said Goods to seize, attach, carry away, and put into safe custody. And it is further Ordained by the Lords and Commons aforesaid, That upon all such seizures made by any of the Collectors, Surveyors, Searchers, Waitors or Officers, Deputies, Factors or servants of the Commissioners aforesaid, or by the Kings Officers, or any other person or persons, certificate shall be by them respectively forthwith thereof made unto the said Commissioners. And that no fraudulent composition shall be made by the said Officers, to the prejudice of the Kingdome, and

and the losse of the Customes;  
 and other duties due and payable  
 upon the said goods and Mer=  
 chandizes as aforesaid. And it is  
 further Ordained by the said  
 Lords and Commons aforesaid,  
 That the said Commissioners of  
 the Customes shall have power  
 from time to time to chuse and De=  
 pute a Messenger to atttend their  
 service, and him againe at their  
 pleasure to displace, and others to  
 substitute; which Messengers by  
 them so chosen, shall have power  
 to summon, or Attach all or any  
 such Person or Persons as shall  
 be refractory or disobedient to the  
 Lawes or Ordinances made for  
 the payment of Customes, or Ad=  
 vance of Monies; or that shall  
 affront and abuse the said Com=  
 missioners, their Deputies, Fa=  
 ctors or Servants in the execution  
 of their severall duties, or servi=  
 ces,

ces. And the persons so offending, to bring before the House of Commons or Committee of the Navy to answer such their misdemeanors and miscarriages. And it is further Ordained, That such security as the Committee of the Navy, or the Commissioners of the Customs shall thinke fit to require of any person or persons for the better managing of the businesse aforesaid, shall be taken in the name of the Sericant at Armes for the time being, attending the House of Commons, to the use of the Common wealth: And for the better enabling them, the foresaid Commissioners, as also of their Deputies, Factors, and Servants by them as aforesaid Authorized and appointed to transact and performe what is required of them in the Premises. It is further Ordained by the Lords and Com-

g, Commons aforesaid; And it is  
 n= hereby required, that all Custo-  
 by mers, Comptrollers, Searchers,  
 a= and all other his Majesties Of-  
 is ficers, of, or belonging to the  
 e= Customes, in all the ports and  
 he places aforesaid, As also all and  
 of every the Officers of, or belong-  
 to ing to the Admiralty, all Vice-  
 s Admirals, Captaines of Ships  
 = and Ports, and all Justices of  
 n Peace, Majors, Sheriffs, Bay-  
 t liffs, Constables, and all other  
 = his Majesties officers, Ministers  
 e and Subjects whatsoever, shall  
 D from time to time be Ayding and  
 e Assisting to the said Commissio-  
 D ners, and to all and every their  
 D Deputies, Factors and Servants  
 by them as aforesaid deputed  
 and appointed in the Execution of  
 the said Service; And that all  
 and every the said Commissio-  
 ners, their Deputies, Factors  
 and



and Serbants, and all those who  
shall be ayding and assisting unto  
them, shall be defended and saved  
harmelesse by Authozity of both  
Houses of Parliament. And that  
this Ordinance shall be forthwith  
printed and published, and sent to  
the severall ports of this Kingdom,

*John Browne, Cleric.*  
Parliamentorum.]

---

LONDON  
Printed for *Laurance Blaicklock*,  
dwelling within Temple-  
Bar, 1645.



to  
ed  
th  
at  
th  
o  
l.

1.